

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

**CLAIM LISTING**

1. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus for the optical control of contact lenses comprising a container to received a lens to be examined, an illuminating device characterized by producing an image of the contact lens with high resolution, wherein the illuminating device comprises at least one monochromatic light source which provides a monochromatic illuminating light having one predetermined wavelength, a condenser to illuminate the lens and a CCD camera as an image receiving device to receive the image of the lens.

2. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to claim 1, whereby the light source has a wavelength in the region of  $\lambda = 600 - 1000$  nm.

3. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to claim 1, whereby a light emitting diode (LED) is provided as the light source.

4. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to claim 3, whereby an IR diode is provided as the light source .

6. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 1, whereby a cut-on filter is provided in front of the CCD camera.

7. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 1, whereby a high-resolution CCD camera is used.

8. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 1, whereby the CCD camera is movable by means of an x-y cradle.

9. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 1, whereby the CCD camera is movable by means of an x-y-z cradle .

10. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to claim 8, whereby the cradle is controllable by stepping motor units.

11. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 1, whereby the CCD camera is linked to a computer, the image of the lens taken by the CCD camera being stored in the computer, and testing of the lens being carried out by means of an automatic software-supported image analysis system.

12. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 1, whereby said ophthalmic lenses are contact lenses.

13. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 2, whereby a light emitting diode (LED) is provided as the light source.

14. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 2, whereby a cut-on filter is provided in front of the CCD camera.

15. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 3, whereby a cut-on filter is provided in front of the CCD camera.

16. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 4, whereby a cut-on filter is provided in front of the CCD camera.

17. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 5, whereby a cut-on filter is provided in front of the CCD camera.

18. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 2, whereby the CCD camera is movable by means of an x-y cradle.

19. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 3, whereby the CCD camera is movable by means of an x-y cradle.

20. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus according to Claim 2, whereby the CCD camera is movable by means of an x-y-z cradle.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (previously presented) Lens checking apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a container to receive the lens to be examined, wherein the container is transparent for the illuminating light.